

GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



March 2009

AQA Workshop

The second Animal Quality Assurance workshop will start at 1:30 PM, **March 28th** at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. The workshop should last about 1½ hours, and will be immediately followed by the Marketing workshop.



Marketing Workshop - Required This Year

The Marketing workshop will be held **March 28** at 3:28 PM, it will immediately follow the AQA workshop. Get tips and ideas on bringing a buyer to the sale and keep them coming back. Guest speakers from our buyer community and older members will be present to help you practice your "sales pitch" to potential buyers. Remember the Market Sale committee is requiring this workshop for you to sell this year. If you have participated in at least two sales the committee would like for you to help present at the workshop or you may bring your marketing packet (what you use when you talk to your buyer) into the office by March 24 for review by Livestock Sale Committee (you may be excused from attending the workshop if you bring in your marketing plan).

Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Shooting Sports Training: Laurel, MT

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held at the Laurel Rifle Club in Laurel on May 1-2, 2009. All disciplines, which include rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, hunting, archery, coordinator, and cowboy action, will be offered. The Friday night session on 4-H and risk management will be from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Saturday discipline training is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. The registration deadline is April 20th. The fee is \$50 for adult leaders and \$25 for teen leaders who must work under trained adult supervision. Saturday's lunch is provided. Registrants will receive a full agenda and a map to the facility the week before the event. Pick up registration form and pre-test at the Extension Office.

Revised Council Bylaws

The Unlimited Leaders Council has diligently been updating their operating by-laws to reflect changes in the way business is conducted. Significant changes have been suggested and we require the 4-H membership to review and make comment before the bylaws are put into action. Please take a look at them and present any comments and concerns at the April 14th Unlimited Leaders Council meeting. A draft of the bylaw revisions is available at the office for your review or as a .pdf document on the 4-H website, www.gallatinextension.com.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

May 1st is the Drop/Add Project Deadline: May 1st is the last day to drop or add projects. 4-Hers must be enrolled in a project to participate at the Summer Fair. If you have been working in a project area, make sure you are enrolled in that project. If not, you will need to add it to your enrollment. Contact our office at 388-3213 to make sure.

Fair deadlines: Summer Fair is July 15-19. Entry deadline for fair is **June 30**, late entries will be accepted with a late fee from July 1st to July 7th. **ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 7TH, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Food Project

These are the remaining classes at Herrick Hall at MSU for the food project. For this year's theme, we will be creating foods from various regions across the United States including southern style food, food from the northwest, and many others! Each week the class will have two instructors and we will be covering two different recipes from each region. Pick a day of the week and time that works with your schedule:

Week of: March 3rd, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, March 6th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, March 7th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: March 10th, Tues, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, March 13th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, March 14th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: March 17th - 21st, NO CLASS, Spring Break

Week of: March 24th, Tues, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, March 27th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, March 28th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: March 3rd, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, March 6th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, March 7th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: April 7th, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, April 10th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, April 11th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: April 14th, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, April 17th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, April 18th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: April 21st, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30

Horse

Horse Committee: Gretchen Furlong 539-7224, Shannon Brooks, 581-7478, Mike & Kathy Pratt 388-6045, Leasa Stratton 522-9756, Edie Baker 285-3657, Scott Reiner 585-7263, Natalie Jennings, 285-5210.

The Horse Committee meeting will be the second Monday of the month, March 9, 6:30pm in the meeting room upstairs above Rocky Mountain Supply on Jackrabbit Lane in Belgrade.

Upcoming Horse Committee Clinics

March 1st (Sun) 12:00-3:00 Assessment Clinic @ the Fairgrounds

Ranch Horse - March 15, Roping Clinic, ground work (no horses). Bring your own rope. 1:00 pm at Mark and Misty Radue's. Call Scott at 580-7681 to sign up by March 12th, there will be a \$10 fee for this clinic.

Ranch Horse - April 26, Ranch Horse Sorting Clinic at Circle L at 1:00 pm. Call Scott at 580-7681 by April 17th to sign up. There will be a small fee for this clinic also, more information in next months newsletter.

You must pre-register by March 25th for clinics at MSU, call 388-6045.

March 29th (Sun) 12:00 – 4:00 Level 1 Safety Clinic @ MSU Pavilion **Mandatory for Level 1** – no horse required – Andy Shockley & MSU students are the clinicians

April 4th (Sat) 9:00 – 5:00 Horsemanship Clinic @ MSU Pavilion \$10 fee required

- Coggins Test is required for horses attending clinics held at the MSU Pavilion, call Gretchen 539-7224, by March 9, 2009 if you need help getting a Coggins Test.

May 3rd (Sun) 12:00 – 5:00 Western Horsemanship Tri-Clinic, Showmanship, Trail, Bareback @ the Fairgrounds

June 6th (Sat) 9:00 – 5:00 Pre-fair @ the Fairgrounds

Upcoming Approved Outside Clinics

March 1st (Sun) Ranch Sorting @ Circle L Arena

March 15th (Sun) Ranch Sorting @ Circle L Arena

March 20th-22nd (Fri - Sun) Josh Lyons Horse Expo @ Circle L Arena

March 21st (Sat) Open Horse Show @ Gallatin River Ranch Arena

Please remember to bring a copy of the Outside Clinic Form should you choose to attend any of these events. The form is available on the 4-H website or in the office. If you know of any upcoming events that you would like approved, please contact a committee member so the committee can vote on the event at the next committee meeting.

MSU Equine Conference Set for April 17 & 18

Montana State University's Equine Conference and Trade Show will include horsemanship demonstrations, breakout discussions, a horse sale and more, featuring international horse clinician Jim Heird. In addition to Heird's presentations, the conference will include nationally-recognized speakers, Montana equine professionals and MSU faculty. The conference will also include a horsemanship clinic featuring Jess Holloway, a well-known horseman and instructor in the Gallatin Valley and instructor for the MSU Colt Breaking and Training courses. The cost for riding in the April 17 clinic is \$75. The cost to observe from the stands is \$5. The MSU Top of the West Ranch Horse Sale will be held the evening of April 18 in the Miller Pavilion. For more information stop by the Extension Office or go to www.animalrange.montana.edu and click on "Conferences" or contact Julie Hager at (406) 994-7953 or jhager@montana.edu

2009 MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School has been developed to provide Montana Youth with useful equine information and skill development. The goals are to increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience. The date for this year's school will be June 22-June 26, 2009 and the cost is \$300 per student (Includes lodging, meals, and stalls). Only the first 50 students will be admitted to the 2008 Youth Horsemanship School. Because of the popularity of the School, it will probably fill up quickly. We advise that if you are interested in attending, to send in your application and registration fee as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office for application.

State 4-H Horse Show Theme and Logo Contest

State 4-H Horse Show is October 2-4, 2009 in Lewistown. Fergus County is hosting the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show this fall, and we need your help. Don't worry, it will be pretty painless. Needed: a slogan and logo for this year's show. 4-H members can show off their creative and artistic skills by entering the logo design contest. Entries are due May 8. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office.

Horse Judging

The following is a schedule for meetings and judging opportunities for spring 2009

March 7th, Saturday: Judging halter classes at Epona Equestrian Center, 12:15

March 17th, Tuesday: Reining class judging session at Anderson Arena in Wilsall, 2:00-4:00

March 24th, Tuesday: Classroom session at 6:30 at Valley Bank in Belgrade

April 5th, Sunday: Judging at 12:00 noon at MSU Miller Pavilion.

April 11th, Saturday: Spring Schooling Show at Circle L Arena

April 14th, Tuesday: Classroom session at 6:30 pm at Valley Bank in Belgrade

May 12th, Tuesday, Classroom session at 6:30 pm at Valley Bank in Belgrade

May 16th or May 23: Judging Arabian at Clark's private arena. More information later

June 9th, Tuesday: Classroom session at 6:30 at Valley Bank in Belgrade

June 13th, Saturday: Montana Paint Horse Show at Circle L Arena, chat with top-level judges

Dog Care & Obedience

Next meeting will be March 12 from 5:30-6:30 at the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter located at 1549 E. Cameron Bridge Rd. We will be getting a tour and then we will work on our record books and record forms. Please bring them with you. If you have any questions, please call Cara at 580-4349.

Dog Agility - Changes, New Choices, & More Opportunities

The dog agility project has some new leaders and some returning leaders this year. We have two different groups that will be meeting. Our leaders will be meeting on different days of the week, choose either or both, which ever fits your schedule the best. See the project information from both leaders below:

Dog Agility - We will be starting soon!!!

April 7th is right around the corner! We will have our first session starting at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds in Livestock barn #2. This session is lead by Jeannie Biggers and Sami Jones. Please contact either of us if you have questions, Jeannie at jbiggers@gotdogagility.com or Sami at sami@gotdogagility.com.

Please bring the following:

1. A hungry dog (don't feed your dog dinner prior to coming, a hungry dog likes to work for good treats!)
2. Your dogs favorite SOFT treat (hotdogs are good and cheap, string cheese is also good) bring a baggy full with the item cut into small pieces.
3. A slip lead if you have one, if not a collar and a leash. Please have your dog ON LEASH when you enter the barn. No chain leashes please.
4. If you have a crate, bring it. It is nice to have a safe spot for your dog to rest and relax while others are working or lecture is taking place. We will also discuss crate games and making the crate a safe and happy place for your dog to hang out. We will have a few extra crates at the barn if you don't have one.
5. Plastic bags for dog clean up.
6. Please dress accordingly, the barn can get a little chilly at night.

An already taught trick! During introductions we will have a show and tell and it will be cool to see what you have already taught your dog. Looking forward to meeting all of you and helping you with your furry companions. See you soon! Please feel free to contact either of us if you need directions or have questions. Thanks - Jeannie

Welcome to our 2009 Agility Year

This year is marked by changes and choices. Nancy Creel is no longer the Agility 4-H Project Leader and she has asked me to continue what Nancy, Jean McCreight and I have been developing for the last 5 years. I'm happy to say that Jean will be with us again this year as much as her traveling plans will allow. I welcome Billie Kerans and Amy Crowder as our new assistant teachers. Billie has taught college level classes for over 20 years and Amy has taught agility for our GDAC club.

We will start March 17th at 4:30 pm in Livestock Building #1, the same building we have always used. For your convenience, we will stagger our beginning and end time to better fit your schedules. Our first group can start at 4:30 and work until 5:30 while the second group can start at 5:00 and go to 6:00. Whichever group works for your family and your schedules will be the group you join.

Please come prepared to play with your dog. Bring treats (meat based), bags for dog clean up and your dog on a leash. If you have any questions, please contact me at dixonanne@hotmail.com or 209-4997. I look forward to another great year with you and your dog. Thanks – Anne Dixon, Agility Leader.

Vet Science

We will be having a meeting at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 10th, at the Beef Nutrition building at the Miller Pavillion. This building is separate and west of the main MSU campus. Dress warm if it is cold. We will be looking at the inside of a cow's stomach. If you have any questions please call Double Diamond Vet at 522-9491.

Wild West WinterFest Sweetheart Fur & Feather Show Results

Youth Rabbit Show - Best of Breed (BOB), Best of Opposite Sex (BOS)

Dutch: BOB - Emily Tilden, Three Forks (Blue), BOS - Jessica Cutler, Bozeman (Black)

English Angora: BOB - Audrey Miller, Manhattan (Red Eyed White)

English Lop: BOB - Noah Stenberg, Bozeman (Lions Head), BOS - Noah Stenberg, Bozeman (New Zealand)

Himalayan: BOB - Chanelle Diamond, Bozeman, BOS - Jerry Townsend, Manhattan

Holland Lop: BOB - Sarah Olivo, Bozeman (Black), BOS - Sarah Olivo, Bozeman (Lilac)

Mini Lop: BOB - Sarah Olivo, Bozeman (Broken Black), BOS - Sarah Olivo, Bozeman (Broken Steel)

Netherland Dwarf: BOB - Kelsy Shillinger, Circle, MT (Chestnut Agouti), BOS - Maegan Miller, Manhattan (Silver Martin)

Polish: BOB - Jerry Townsend, Manhattan (Broken Black), BOS - Jerry Townsend, Manhattan (Chocolate)

Youth Poultry

Youth Standard Clean Legged: Best of Class – Lynne Otto, Belgrade (Sumatra), **Reserve of Class** – Clare Cory, Bozeman (Ameracauna), **Blue Ribbon** – Wesley Russell, Belgrade; Brienna Russell, Belgrade; Quinn Harting, Bozeman; Martin Townsend, Manhattan; Collin Huseby, Circle (3); Emma Treut, Belgrade (3); Noah Stenberg, Bozeman (2); Tanner Apple, Belgrade (2)

Youth Standard Feather Legged: Best of Class – Clare Cory, Bozeman (Buff Cochon), **Reserve of Class** – Clare Cory, Bozeman (Black Cochon)

Youth Bantam Clean Legged: Best of Class – Jerry Townsend, Manhattan (Quail D'Anver), **Reserve of Class** – CJ Oostema, Belgrade (Golden Seabright), **Blue Ribbon** – Zac Hook, Bozeman, CJ Oostema

Youth Bantam Crested: Best of Class – Sydney Heckel, Belgrade (White Silkie), **Reserve of Class** – Quinn Harting, Bozeman (Silkie), **Blue Ribbon** – Zac Hook, Bozeman

Youth Bantam Feather Legged: Best of Class – Mike Galli, Bozeman (Mille Fleur), **Reserve of Class** – Collin Huseby, Circle (Buff Brahma), **Blue Ribbon** – Mike Galli, Bozeman; Collin Huseby, Circle; Martin Townsend, Manhattan; CJ Oostema, Belgrade; Emma Treut, Belgrade

Youth Best of Show – Sydney Heckel, Belgrade (White Silkie), **Youth Reserve of Show** – Lynne Otto, Belgrade (Sumatra)

Senior Showmanship: Grand Champion – Emma Treut, Belgrade, **Reserve Champion** – Collin Huseby, Circle, **Blue Ribbon** – Sydney Heckel, Belgrade; Martin Townsend, Manhattan

Intermediate Showmanship: Grand Champion – Zac Hook, Bozeman, **Reserve Champion** – Jerry Townsend, Manhattan & Clare Cory, Bozeman, **Blue Ribbon** – Mike Galli, Bozeman & Quinn Harting, Bozeman

Novice Showmanship: Blue Ribbon – Lynne Otto, Belgrade; CJ Oostema, Belgrade; Wesley Russell, Belgrade; Brienna Russell, Belgrade; Noah Stenberg, Bozeman

For more results, including the adult poultry results, check the Fairgrounds website at: www.gallatin.mt.gov/fairgrounds

2009 Livestock Judging Circuit

Ages will be based on the student's 4-H age for the 2009 4-H year, (as of October 1, 2008)

District 8, Redland Memorial Livestock Judging, Hysham – March 14th, 2009. pre-register by March 5th.

District 5, Beaverhead County Judging, April 18th, 2009. Held at Sitz Angus, pre-register by April 10th.

District 1, Missoula County Judging, April 25th, 2009.

District 6, Lewis and Clark County Judging, May 3rd, 2009.

District 7, Montana Fair Contest, Billings – August 14th, 2009. 8:00 a.m.

Other Contests scheduled:

Custer County Spring Livestock Judging, April 15th, 2009, Ft. Keogh.

Custer County Spring Livestock Judging, April 29th, 2009, Ft. Keogh.

Northwest College Contest – Powell, WY – April 2009.

Toole County Contest- Sunburst, MT – Week after Christmas

Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training - Sheep & Goat Focus, Caldwell, ID, May 14-16, 2009.

If you are interested in any of these judging opportunities, please contact our office for more information.

Small Animals - Poultry, Rabbits, Cats, Pocket Pets

Attention all poultry, rabbit, pocket pet and cat members, the next meeting for all small animals project members will be the second Monday of the month (March 9th) at 7 p.m. at the Valley Bank basement.

Swine

Attention all swine project members. There will not be a pig pool this year. There are local producers that pigs can be purchased from (Bill Ott and Bruce Samson). You are responsible to contact a producer either locally or outside our area to purchase your pigs. Bill and Bruce may choose to have a designated time for kids to select pigs. If kids would like more names of producers outside our area they can contact Sandy at 388-6900 or Wayne Gipp at 994-1750. Pigs need to be purchased by April 11.

There will be a picking your pig, feed, and housing workshop on March 30, at the Belgrade High School at 6:30. All members need to attend. Older project members – we need your help.

If you have any questions, call Sandy at 388-6900.

Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association Ewe Grant

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association (MSSBA) was founded in 1981. The purpose of the association is to foster, promote and develop the Suffolk breed and the sheep industry in general. The MSSBA is awarding one \$200 grant to be used for the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or yearling ewe. This grant is for male or female youth between the ages of 9 and 16 and a resident of the State of Montana. For more information contact the Extension Office.

International Programs

Are you interested in hosting an international delegate? Stephanie Davison needs to know by March 15!

Applications are available online or by contacting Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu or 994-3502. Following are the dates for the summer, IFYE and high school programs:

Summer – one month. Families should have a child within two years of age as the delegate they host.

Finland – June 14-July 12, **Costa Rica** – June 21-July 18, **Norway** – July 1-30, **Japan** – July 21-August 19 – need 25-28 host families

IFYE – 2-3 weeks. Families do not have to have children in the home. These are young adults.

Ireland – 23 year old female – arriving in Montana June 21 or 22, Scotland – 23 year old female – arriving in Montana June 21 or 22, Austria – two females – arriving in Montana July 7 or 8, Taiwan – TBD – arriving in Montana June 21 or 22

High School – full academic year. Host families do not have to have children in the home, but it is recommended. Delegates must attend a public high school.

Four FLEX delegates from former Soviet countries – arrive late August and depart the following May. Contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 if interested in hosting.

Beekeeping Workshop - March 7

Montana State University Broadwater County Extension and the Montana Department of Agriculture will present a beginning beekeeping workshop. New beekeepers, including youth, can learn how to get started, how to over-winter hives, and how to manage mites, among other topics. This program also features a honey tasting. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and takes place at the 4-H Community Building on the Broadwater County fair and rodeo grounds two miles east of Townsend on Highway 12. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 14 and under. Registration is due by March 2 and is limited to 40 people. Send payment made out to Broadwater County Extension along with your name, address and phone number to: Beekeeping Workshop, c/o Broadwater County Extension, 515 Broadway, Townsend, MT 59644.

Public Demonstration Days

April 7 & 9, 2009

Belgrade Middle School 5:30p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CLOVERBUDS: Tuesday, April 7, 2009 (6-8)

JUNIORS/ INTERMEDIATES: Tuesday, April 7 or Thursday, April 9 (9-13 year olds)

SENIORS: Thursday, April 9, 2009 (Age 14 & up)

All ages are as of October 1, 2008

Why should I participate in Public Presentation Day?

- It's a time to practice speaking skills in a learning environment.
- Everyone receives a ribbon. Purple ribbon seniors are awarded a trip to Montana 4-H Congress held at MSU in July.
- The club with the highest percentage of participants receives a \$25 award.
- It's fun to show what you can do and watch and learn from others.

Complete and mail form to:
Gallatin County MSU Extension
201 West Madison, Suite 300
Belgrade, MT 59714

No applications accepted after March 31, 2009

Registration Form for Public Presentation Day

Name _____ Phone # _____

Club _____ Year in 4-H _____

Age _____ (your age on Oct 1, 2008) Birthday ____/____/____

Number of previous presentations given at the county level _____

Title of Presentation _____

Cloverbud (6-8 yr)	Junior (9-10 yr old)	Intermediate (11-13 yr old)	Senior (14 as of 10/1/08 & older)
Tuesday, April 7th	Circle one: 4/7 Tuesday 4/9 Thursday	Circle one: 4/7 Tuesday 4/9 Thursday	Thursday, April 9th
		Circle one: Speech Demo/Illustrated Talk	Circle one: Speech Demo/Illustrated Talk
Time Preference (X)	Time Preference (X)	Time Preference (X)	Time Preference (X)
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Additional forms and information can be picked up from the Extension Office at 388-3213.

Public Presentation Day 2009 - April 7th & April 9th Encourage Your Club Members to Participate

Public Presentation Day (Demo Day) is an opportunity for 4-H members to present to an audience an aspect of what they have learned in 4-H. Speeches or demonstrations can be as short as 5 minutes plus questions. 4-Hers may present any area of their 4-H experience and will have a small audience including one or two judges.

This year's date is set for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 for Cloverbuds and Thursday, April 9, 2009 for 14 year olds & up (if you were 14 as of October 1, 2008). 4-H members 9-13 years old can choose either Tuesday or Thursday for their presentations. Presentation Day will be held at the Belgrade Middle School from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM. Presentations spots are available every 15 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. The club with the greatest percentage of members competing will win a \$25.00 prize. Certificates will be awarded. Grand and Reserve ribbons will be presented at the conclusion of presentation day. If you are not present for this, your award will be available at the Extension Office for you to pick up or your club leader to pick up from their mailbox.

There are several divisions for presenters. Cloverbuds may participate in the 6-8 year old group, but are not judged or placed. Members who are 9-10 years old have two brackets in which to enter. Those giving their first ever demonstration at the county level will be judged separately than those giving their second demonstration.

The next age division is for 11-13 year olds. At this level, presenters have their choice of doing a speech or giving a demonstration. Experienced presenters are again separated from those with no experience.

Older teens, 14-19 years old (you must be 14 as of October 1, 2008), may also choose to deliver either a speech or demonstration which should be anywhere between 7 to 20 minutes long. The first place winner receives an all expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress where they may compete at the state level.

The experience young people receive from this event is tremendous. They become more confident, learn communication skills, and discover where they can improve. The entry form for this event is inserted in this newsletter. More are available in the Extension Office by calling 388-3213. You may reserve your time slot over the phone.

MSU Offers New Scholarship for Montana Freshmen

Montana State University is offering a new scholarship for incoming freshmen from Montana. MSU will be awarding Distinction Scholarships for new freshmen from Montana. The amount of the one-time awards will range \$500 to \$1,000, according to Ronda Russell, director of the MSU Office of Admissions. The scholarships will be applied toward tuition. Russell said all Montana students who have not already received MSU University Scholarships may apply for the new award. Interested students must apply for admission to MSU for fall 2009 and submit an MSU Distinction Scholarship application as soon as possible. Both applications may be found online at the MSU Office of Admissions Website at:
<http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsres.shtml>

Thinking About College at MSU?

Juniors, seniors and their families are invited to take part in a free campus visit day at Montana State University on April 3. **MSU Friday** is an event that caters to students curious about life on the MSU campus. Students and parents who attend receive campus tours, meet with academic departments, go on facility tours, sit in on student and parent panels and hear presentations from the Honors program, Financial Aid, Career Services and more! Every participant is provided with a parking permit so they can park for free on campus. A registration form is required; visit the MSU Friday website for more information:

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwnss/msufriday.shtml>

Scholarships

Attention All Seniors - Our office has forms for many different scholarships. Please contact us for more information. Most deadlines are May 1st. Don't wait until the last minute.

4-H Cowboy Action Shooting Project

We will begin in April and continue through this summer. Watch for more information in next months newsletter. If you are interested in joining the cowboy action shooting project, call the office and add your name to the list.

Shooting Sports

Sunday, March 1st, the shooting competition that was held at the Summer Fair will be held at Yellowstone Gateway Sports at 5:00-6:00 pm, 6:00-7:00 pm, 7:00-8:00 pm. The shooting will be the same as we have been doing all winter, with 3 position air rifle, 30 shots for pistol and 30 arrows for score. All are encouraged to participate.

The following weekend is the State 4-H Shooting Sports tournament in Bozeman for target archery, air pistol, air rifle, and small bore. 3-D archery will be held at Yellowstone Gateway Sports. Individuals who need to use 4-H bows or guns need to pick them up March 1st for the tournament.

For shooting times for the tournament, look on the state 4-H website: <http://www.montana4h.org#program:29>. If you have any questions call Jackie at 388-2026 or if you have other questions, call Bill Ott at 209-2599.

Daisy Air Gun College Scholarship

Daisy Air Guns is offering a \$500.00 college scholarship to a graduating senior planning to attend college next year. Applicants must have maintained a 3.0 GPA in high school and participated in 4-H shooting sports for at least three years. Applicants must also submit with their application a 250-500 word essay addressing "How participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and life." For full details, visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports website at www.4-hshootingsports.com and click on "Just for Youth" then "2009 Daisy Scholarship."

Fundraising Opportunity for Clubs

Statewide Publishing Montana is looking for help delivering the Big Sky Local Book Telephone Directory in the Bozeman area in April. Groups that deliver the books will earn \$.25 per book and an additional \$.05 if they bag the book themselves. They provide all the materials and instructions. If your group is interested in this please contact David James or Jake Cederbloom at 509/734-1186 or 888/ 442-8838.

State Awards

State award applications for members who were 14 or older by October 1, 2008 are due to State 4-H Office by May 1st. To apply for a state award in any project or activity, complete the award application which can be found at the Extension Office or at www.montana4h.org. Winners are announced at 4-H Congress and eligible to attend National 4-H Congress.



Only 1000 Tickets Sold

rifle
RAFFLE



Win a \$2500 gift certificate towards a
Shiloh Sharps Rifle

All proceeds go to Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program 

Drawing will be held June 21, 2009 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, Montana. You need not be present to Win!

\$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100

Questions?????
Contact Todd Kesner
at 994-6816

2009 4-H Camps

We have lots of camping opportunities for 4-Hers and their families this year!



Willow Creek Classic will be held in late July rather than early June due to late school releases and full schedules. The camp will still have a family & natural resources focus. Watch for more information to come!

NEW this year!!! A camp for middle school kids only will be held **June 18-20** at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures, where we had camp last year. Only 4-H members that are going into 6th, 7th or 8th grades fall of 2009 will be able to attend. 4-Hers from other southwest Montana counties will also be attending this camp. Counselors are needed for this camp but must be going into their junior or senior year fall 2009 to be eligible. A counselor application form is available on the county 4-H website and must be turned in by the deadlines to be considered. Watch future newsletters for registration materials!

Gallatin County 4-H camp will be the week of June 23-26, held at Hyalite Youth Camp. Counselors and CIT's will need to fill out an application and return by deadline to be considered. The forms will be available at the March 5 planning meeting and on the website after that date. Camp registration materials will be available later this spring!

CAMP PLANNING MEETING - Attention any and all interested parents and teens!!!!

Any 4-H member interested in being a camp counselor or a CIT and parents are welcome to come. If this sounds like fun and you are willing to devote some of your time, please join us for this camp planning meeting. The meeting will be held on **March 5th at the Extension (4-H) Office in Belgrade at 6:30.** If you have any questions call the 4-H office at 388-3213.

4-H CAMP COUNSELORS & COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT)

This is your first step toward becoming a Camp Counselor or a Counselor in Training. Pick up your counselor or counselor in training application at the 4-H Office. Due to limited space available for CIT's at 4-H Camp, only the most qualified applicants will be selected. Those not selected may still come to camp, but as a camper, not a CIT. The Counselor in Training (CIT) will carry out the same responsibilities as the Counselor; however, they will work with a Counselor. The Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors in Training, Camp Manager, and the County Extension Agent. All are responsible for selecting the program topics, and arranging the speakers, equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each Counselor and CIT will be responsible for specific responsibilities in the pre-planning stages of camp and at camp itself. As part of the Leadership Team, the Counselor and CIT shares in the overall responsibility for the success of camp – the learning, safety, and fun. You must also turn in a completed application to Gallatin County 4-H by **April 1, 2009 or sooner.** Selections will be made within a few weeks after the deadline.

Youth History Camp at Virginia City, Montana August 2-8, 2009

The Montana Heritage Commission, a partner in the Montana 4-H Western Heritage Project, is inviting young people ages 11 to 15 to experience Alder Gulch at their hands-on History Camp scheduled for August 2-8, 2009. Workshops will include outdoor cooking on an open fire, basket weaving, campfire stories, blacksmithing skills, gold prospecting, life on the frontier, daily living skills, tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City and much, much more! For more detailed information call (406) 843-5247 or visit www.virginiacitymt.com.

Youth Trapper Camp - June 12th-14th

The Annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 12-14 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offers a \$20.00 scholarship for the first 60 youth who send in their applications and YTC, Inc. provides for the additional applicants who request help prior to April 15. The campers attend classes on trapping methods, ethics regulations, fur handling, health and safety. Camp instructors come from the MTA education program, Montana 4-H program and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. To request an application, visit the following site: <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yt.htm>

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
Mackenzie River Pizza
February 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Brenda Townsend. The American pledge and the 4-H pledge were said. Roll call was 'what is the forecast for tomorrow'. Members present were Brenda Townsend, Betsy Heckel, Leia Miller, Faith Poet, Scott Francis, Ginny Francis, Laura Lee Harvey, Scarlett Wirtz, Kathy Cheney, Renae Cline and Brad Cline. Guests present were Sonja Berg, Sam Poelstra, Carol Poelstra, Kim Lambrecht, Krista Callantine, Miles Miller, Audrey Miller and Maegan Miller.

Secretary Report: Betsy motioned to approve, seconded by Brad. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Scarlett motioned to approve, seconded by Leia. Approved.

Guest Presentations:

The Miller's reported on the Legislative Breakfast. They went on a tour of the capitol building. They sat in on a Bill that was being passed. Learned new projects. They really enjoyed guest speaker Flint Rassmussen. They all thanked the Council for sending them.

Public Comment: No comments from the public.

Committee and Leaders Reports:

Bar J Wranglers: Scott reported a problem with a seat being oversold and asked for a motion to refund \$20 ticket price to the person with a letter of apology for the problem. Motion to refund \$20 made by Kathy, seconded by Ginny. Approved. The Willson will be scheduled for next years event – tentative date of January 9, 2010. Program changes and sponsors are already in the works. We will have a DVD of the program at the fair booth.

Road Sign: Kathy reported at this point we need to decide what we want on the signs and submit this to the Department of Transportation. We also need to decide where the signs are to be placed – possibly on highway 287, 191 and the road coming from Bridger Canyon.

Old Business:

Apparel: Work in progress. Faith will make a poll on the 4-H website where people can vote on what they would like to have.

4-40-400: Tentatively set for April 4th at River Rock. Clubs that are involved will earn 50% of money made from the booth they are working. The other 50% of money goes towards the \$400 for the State Foundation. Ginny motioned to approve, seconded by Kathy. Approved. We are also checking on alternative locations if River Rock does not work. Letter to be sent to clubs regarding games for booths that they can sign up to do. Kathy made a motion for postage for the letters, seconded by Leia. Approved.

License Plate Scholarship: \$35 to be used for plate purchase. Drawing will be held at fair for this.

Bylaws: Ginny moved to present bylaws to be published as drafted at the April 14th Council meeting posted on-line and in the newsletter for public review and comment. Seconded by Kathy. Approved.

Budget Review: Faith presented sheets that gave an explanation of income sources, clarification of number used in the budget and explained it is still a work in progress for the upcoming year.

Grants and Scholarships:

- Sam Poelstra presented a request of a scholarship for attending the Citizenship Seminar. Kathy motioned to approve \$60.00 from misc. scholarships, seconded by Ginny. Approved. Sam will report back after the seminar on her experience.
- Pass Creek 4-H Club presented a request for a need of a defibrillator machine for the community center due to their remote location. Cost of the defibrillator machine approx. \$1,300. They have raised \$700 by doing fundraisers and are asking the Foundation to match this amount. Scott motioned to send the request onto Foundations, seconded by Laura Lee. Approved.
- Scholarships requested by Lightning Minds for a total of \$65 at attend a cooking seminar. Betsy motioned to take the money out of the misc. scholarship fund, seconded by Kathy. Approved.
- Request to be sent onto Foundation for \$140 for the registration and lodging for the State Leaders Shooting event. Scarlett motioned to send onto Foundation, seconded by Brad. Approved.

New Business:

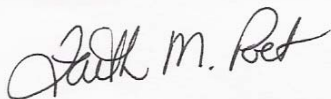
Demo Day: Ginny motioned for Demo Day to be held on the 7th and 9th at the Belgrade Middle School, seconded by Kathy. Approved. Faith will check on middle school for that time. Scott motioned of \$25 to go to the club with the highest % of kids participating, seconded by Kathy. Approved.

Representative for the Foundation: Scott motioned for Ginny to remain our representative for the Foundation, seconded by Kathy. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Renae Cline, Acting Secretary





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POI (Points Of Information) - Did You Know.....

MEMBERS

There are websites just for 4-H members? Take a look at 4-h.org (make sure to check with your parents first). The county website www.gallatinextension.com has lots of year-round information, forms, scholarships, project information. Here's a little know secret... if you click on the Extension calendar (it's just below our contact information) you'll get most of the events that are happening on easy to print sheet!

At this site: <http://prod1.ibelong.com/site/Gallatin-County-4-H> we have the ability to do real-time updates for county events and meetings. Set it as a link on your browser for quick and easy access!

LEADERS

Lots of resources exist out there to help you in your monthly club or project activities and meetings. Try out the newly designed www.4-h.org website as you look for new pieces to add to your toolbox. We also have several in-state opportunities and workshops for you to attend that will add to your expertise, State Leaders Forum, Rec Lab and Congress are just a few of what's available. Watch the newsletter and check out the Montana state 4-H website: www.montana4h.org.

It's a Clover Carnival **Saturday April 4**

Games, prizes, cotton candy, and fun are what you'll find at the 4-H Carnival to be held on Saturday, April 4. The Unlimited Leaders Council is inviting all clubs and project groups to take part in the carnival. Groups that have a booth will receive half of their ticket sales back in profit. The other half will go to the Council for the 4-40-400 State Foundation Challenge. Space is limited so get your booth reservations in early! All club and project leaders will be receiving a mailing with details. Also look at the County 4-H website for the forms and additional information.



4-H Apparel/ Gear

How do you want to show off your green? By T-shirt, sweatshirt, hoodie or hat? Call, send us an email or use the 4-H Clothing survey link on the 4-H website to let us know what you want to see your clover pride on.

